GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RENTAL LIABILITY ON MISSIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has prepared a comprehensive and time-bound short term plan for 18 identified stations with high rental liability and a long term plan for all other stations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A year - wise plan for acquisition of properties till financial year 2009 - 10 has been prepared.

The following 18 stations have been identified and action has been initiated for purchase of properties for housing Chancery or Embassy Residence, or both considering the high rental outgo at these stations:

Bahrain, Buenos Aires, Chicago, Geneva, Hamburg, Istanbul, Kyiv, Munich, Osaka - Kobe, Paris, Rome, Shanghai, Sofia, Stockholm, Sydney, Tehran, Tel Aviv and Toronto.

Additionally, the Government also has plans to purchase property in other stations where it is economical to purchase such properties.

During financial year 2005 - 06, properties have been purchased in Paris and Ulaanbaatar. Part payment for purchase of property in Georgetown and Caracas has already been made and the sale agreements have been signed.